

*Approved as Amended 6/8/16*  
**OPEN SPACE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Minutes  
Meeting Date May 9, 2016

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Frances Hartogh    Molly Davis    Tom Isaacson    Curt Brown

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Tracy Winfree    Jim Reeder    John Potter    Mark Davison  
Mark Gershman    Deryn Wagner    Don D'Amico    Abbie Poniatowski  
Alycia Alexander    Leah Case    Chad Brotherton    Kelly Wasserbach

**GUESTS**

Susan Connolly, Deputy Director of Community Vitality  
Greg Guibert, Chief Resilience Officer  
Melanie Sloan, Transportation Planner  
Brian Wiltshire, Transportation Planner

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

**AGENDA ITEM 1 – Approval of the Minutes**

Curt Brown said on page 2 it should read, “Curt asked if this bridge is worth the amount of work required at the south abutment.”

Molly Davis moved that the Open Space Board of Trustees approve the minutes from April 13, 2016 as amended. Curt Brown seconded. This motion passed four to zero; Kevin Bracy Knight was absent.

**AGENDA ITEM 2 – Public Participation for Items not on the Agenda**

Anne Fenerty, Boulder, addressed the Board regarding the Rocky Flats Property. She said this is designated as one of the worst and most dangerous places, and the plan for Rocky Mountain Greenways would lead through one of the most contaminated areas on the site. She asked the Board to please reconsider what is being approved.

Juliet Gopinath, Boulder, asked Open Space to consider purchasing the Twin Lake fields. Boulder County Parks and Open Space is not interested in this property despite the fields meeting all five of the criteria for an Open Space acquisition.

**AGENDA ITEM 3 – Matters from Staff**

**John Potter gave an update on several staff projects, including the annual “Purge the Spurge” event.**

Curt Brown asked staff to follow up with more information on the before and after effects from this event. Frances Hartogh complimented the outreach on this project.

**Melanie Sloan, Transportation Planner, presented the final designs for Chautauqua Pedestrian Safety, Access and Lighting Improvements Project.**

Frances asked if there will be improved Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) parking along the street. Melanie said parking designation along Baseline Road will not be changing.

**Susan Connelly, Deputy Director of Community Vitality, presented the Chautauqua Access Management Plan (CAMP).**

Tom Isaacson asked if the proposed timeline is too ambitious. Susan said the timeline is flexible, but ideally several pilot projects will be identified (after data collection this summer) for completion in 2017. Tom asked how the community workgroup will be selected. Susan said they will solicit broadly, and look to have variety of perspectives represented.

**Kelly Wasserbach, Engineering and Project Management Supervisor, and Chad Brotherton, Maintenance Person III, Trails, gave an update on the Chautauqua Meadow Trail flood repair, as well as an update on the bridge replacement on the Amphitheater Trail over Gregory Canyon Creek.**

Curt suggested not going too small in the proposed gathering areas; the meadow has already been compromised and people are going to spread out either way. Tom asked how the design will help keep people within the gathering area. Chad said staff will utilize the existing natural structures to serve as a barrier and define the space. Molly Davis asked if this project will limit the existing field view. Chad said this should not take away from the view. Frances suggested signage indicating icy or muddy conditions and reminding people to still stay on trail due to sensitive conditions.

**Greg Guibert, Chief Resiliency Officer, gave an update on the City of Boulder Resilience Strategy.**

Curt asked how this will impact Open Space. Tracy said this will be helpful in the Open Space Master Plan efforts as well as in conversations related to climate change. Molly asked if Boulder has communicated with other land management agencies. Greg said yes, this has generated a lot of excitement. Frances suggested discussing Open Space separate from the urban ecosystem category. She said she recently attended a climate change meeting with several other boards. This helped her to understand better what role Open Space lands can play in climate change issues.

**Deryn Wagner, Environmental Planner, gave an update on the Rocky Mountain Greenways.**

Curt asked if the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis covers the trail crossing and alignment. Deryn said analysis would be combined with any trail alignments on the refuge itself; she noted that there is flexibility in routing the greenway through the Flats in order to address concerns along the way. Frances asked about this area being designated as a Superfund site. Deryn said the current proposed alignment avoids this area; if something is found unsafe, there could still be options with this funding that would allow for a different alignment. Frances asked about the larger feasibility study. Deryn said this has been pushed back largely due to the grant process.

**Abbie Poniatowski, Central Services Division Manager, presented on the draft 2017-2022 Capital Improvement Program (CIP).**

Tom asked about the budget for trail maintenance efforts. Abbie said currently this line item is just to show that this is a priority; numbers will be refined overtime and after analysis. Tracy added that this is a new line item; she noted that this will not replace the existing operating budget. Frances asked if the top priorities have been defined for the North Trail Study Area (TSA). Tracy said this will partially depend on council guidance. Frances asked about the West TSA implementation. Tracy said flood projects being reimbursed by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) overlap with the West TSA, and will likely be completed first. Molly asked what is included in the for capital agriculture budget. John said that line item is for bigger projects addressed in management plan.

**AGENDA ITEM 4 – Matters from the Board**

Molly Davis and Mark Gershman, Environmental Planning Supervisor, gave an update on the 2017-2022 Greenways Capital Improvement Program and Draft Community and Environmental Assessment Process (CEAP) for Fourmile Canyon Creek Greenways Improvements from Upland Avenue to West of Broadway.

Frances and Molly provided a statement about why they voted the way they did on the North TSA Draft Plan.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

These minutes were prepared by Leah Case.

APPROVED BY:

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Frances Hartogh  
Board Chair

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